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TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

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1. At about 10 a.m. on 28 May 1953, a Soviet Air Force major inquired at Brandenburg railroad station about a train from Wustermark which was expected to arrive in Brandenburg. It had left Wustermark between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. on 28 May and had been erroneously dispatched to Jueterbog Altes Lager. It finally arrived at Brandenburg about 8 p.m. and subsequently was shunted to the Briest spur track.

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2. The following shipments were observed in Brandenburg between 29 May and 4 June: 29 May. A train including 35 boxcars was being loaded in Brandenburg-Briest for dispatch to Jueterbog Altes Lager. 25X1

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31 May. At 2:30 p.m., a train of 30 boxcars and some flatcars and converted boxcars arrived in Brandenburg coming from Wustermark. 25X1

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4 June. A train of 42 boxcars, 7 converted boxcars and 11 flatcars, carrying trucks among other goods, arrived in Brandenburg coming from Wustermark. 25X1

3. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 30 May, 12 IL-10s and 2 Yak-11s landed at the field and subsequently were parked in front of the flight control station. There was fair weather. An additional 25 IL-10s which approached individually landed between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 1 June. There was intensive individual flying between 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. At 6:30 a.m. on 2 June, a total of 36 IL-10s and 2 Yak-11s were parked in front of the flight control station.

4. The low wooden building which belonged to the radar set in Jagen (forest subarea) No 12 was being removed on 27 May. Only some wooden poles and 2 kennels remained there. The hollow in the ground between the former temporary building and the mast measured about 3 x 4 x 2.5 meters and its bottom was covered with cement slabs.

5. On 4 June, a train of 41 boxcars, 3 converted boxcars, 10 flatcars, and 6 tank cars arrived in Brandenburg. Tank trucks and billeting equipment were observed in the shipment. On 11 June, a train with about 20 officers and 125 EM, and 10 flatcars with six 37-mm AA guns and trucks left Brandenburg railroad station for Jueterbog Altes Lager. 25X1

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Comment. Brandenburg-Briest airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment which was stationed in Doeberitz until late May 1952. The fighter regiment previously stationed at Brandenburg-Briest airfield was transferred to Justerbog Altes Lager. All the shipments, except for the one observed on 11 June 1953, were reported previously. The number of Il-10s observed at the field does not represent the actual strength of the regiment. The present location of approximately 20 Il-10s which were missing is not known. It is possible that these planes were temporarily detached for an exercise.

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